Reports on SMEs by NMCC

*370. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Manufacturing Competitiveness Council has prepared a report on the role played by the SMEs in the manufacturing sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the report has listed certain problems now being faced by this sector alongwith an action plan to adderss them; and

(d) what is the status of Orissa in this sector and what is Government's action plan to develop this sector in this backward State to improve its economy?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) The National Manufacturing Competitiveness Council (NMCC) has finalised a National Strategy for Manufacturing. A section of the Strategy Paper pertains to small and medium enterprises.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) As per the Third All India Census 2001-02 for SSI, there were 3,88,277 units in the State of Orissa employing 9,23,176 persons with a fixed investment of Rs. 1,910 crores and total production of Rs. 5,263 crores. While the primary responsibility for developing small industry is of the State Government, the Government of India is *inter-alia* helping the process by supporting the setting up of Growth Centres, upgrading the industrial infrastructures, developing clusters of small industries and providing credit linked capital subsidy and operating a Credit Guarantee Scheme.

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*371. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the Durable Assets envisaged in the identified Districts wherein job for 100 days in a year would be given under the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005;